

STORMWATER WORK GROUP

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Wednesday, September 19, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

USGS, 934 Broadway, Tacoma 98402

Draft Agenda

THE MEETING'S GOALS:

1. Welcome new work group members and say goodbye to departing members
2. Discuss agricultural runoff monitoring recommendations
3. Hear updates on projects using Ecology grant funds to move SWAMPPS forward
4. Discuss findings of the source identification literature review and local government staff conducted by the Washington Stormwater Center
5. Discuss the monitoring requirements of the municipal stormwater NPDES permits recently issued by Ecology
6. Determine messages and timing for next SWG Reporter
7. Hear about PSEMP, including the work group inventories, and other monitoring activities
8. Discuss the status of implementing our work plan
9. Hear other updates related to our work

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9:00 Welcome, introductions, and review the meeting's agenda and goals

- *We have new caucus representatives at the table, and other membership changes are or may be coming.*

9:10 Discuss agricultural runoff monitoring recommendations

- *In spring, the work group approved recommendations for pesticide monitoring. The SWG Agricultural Runoff Subgroup has proposed a new set of recommendations for nutrient and bacteria monitoring.*
- *What comments do work group members have? What concerns need to be addressed in order to approve the recommendations at our next work group meeting?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

10:05 Hear about Ecology funding of projects in FY13 and other work to move SWAMPPS forward

- *At our last three meetings we discussed priorities for short-term projects that could be done with up to \$200K in Ecology funding. Contracts are in formal process with the Association of Washington Cities and the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department for:*
 - *Effectiveness literature review syntheses and communication to local governments (\$71,300)*
 - *Logistical support for the SWG Roads and Highways Subgroup (\$4,600)*
 - *Analyses to identify the most important factors for correlation among stream gauges and identify key gaps in small stream status and trends flow monitoring (\$54,740)*
 - *A gradient study to refine the length of shoreline represented by a Mussel Watch site (\$52,500)*
- *All projects must be completed before June 30, 2013. Most results will be presented at SWG meetings next spring.*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

10:15 Break

10:30 Discuss source identification literature review project findings

- *The Washington Stormwater Center received NEP funds to conduct a literature review and interview local government staff to inform the content and creation of the Source Identification Information Repository. The draft report distributed to SWG Source ID Subgroup members was not well received. The project has not met our expectations and needs and the subgroup is meeting later this month to determine next steps.*
- *Do work group members have direction for the subgroup?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

10:55 Discuss municipal stormwater permit monitoring requirements

- *Ecology issued final municipal stormwater NPDES permits on August 1 that become effective July 1, 2013. The two main changes from the draft permits are:*
 - *Formal agreements between Ecology and each permittee are not required by the permit. Ecology is offering to enter into agreements with permittees who wish to have them, but the permits only require that permittees opting to participate in the RSMP submit timely payments.*
 - *The opt-out for SIDIR was removed. All permittees are required to pay in to participate in this component of the RSMP and to include information about their IDDE activities and results in their annual reports pursuant to requirements in S5.*
- *The permits have been appealed. The main monitoring appeal issue (paraphrased) is that S8 requires payment into a collective fund without stating where monitoring or studies will occur, how funds will be spent, and how the data will be used by Ecology.*
- *The SWG Pooled Resources Subgroup is scheduled to meet now that the permits have been issued. The Work Plan Subgroup is slated to develop a job description for the monitoring program manager.*
- *Do work group members have any questions about the permit monitoring requirements or direction for the subgroups?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

11:25 Discuss timing and messages for next issue of “SWG Reporter”

- *The last issue of the SWG Reporter went out on March 28. In June the SWG Communication Subgroup recommended (and SWG members agreed) that the following topics should be addressed:*
 - *USGS report on stream gauging, commissioned for the work group, was published in June*
 - *Ecology-funded projects are moving SWAMPPS forward in advance of the permits and anticipated pooled resources*
 - *Source identification information repository will provide tools for local governments and others to improve pollution reduction techniques*
 - *Effectiveness literature review syntheses coming this winter*
- *Do work group members have additional suggestions for topics to include in the update?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

11:40 Hear updates from the Puget Sound Ecosystem Monitoring Program (PSEMP)

- *What decisions has the steering committee made? What decisions will be made at future meetings on which the work group might want to provide input? What other topical work groups have met and what are our related plans, needs and interests?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

11:45 Status of 2011-2012 Work Plan Implementation

- *We will hear from our subgroups, who continue to make progress toward achieving our goals*
 - *Agricultural Runoff: discussed in previous agenda item*
 - *Communication: discussed in previous agenda items*
 - *Effectiveness: discussed in previous agenda item*

- Marine Nearshore Status and Trends: discussed in previous agenda item
- Pooled Resources Oversight: discussed in previous agenda item
- Small Stream Status and Trends: discussed in previous agenda item
- Roads and Highways: discussed in previous agenda item
- Source ID Information Repository: discussed in previous agenda item
- Work Plan: discussed in previous agenda item
- Are there any comments from non-work group members?

11:55 Recap of Today's Meeting and Hear Other Updates

- Summarize decisions, action items, and next steps from today's meeting
- Are there other activities, decisions, or upcoming events of which work group members should be aware?

12:00 Adjourn

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND PLANNED DISCUSSION TOPICS

Wednesday, October 17, 2012 from 9am to noon at the USGS Office in Tacoma:

- Approve agricultural runoff nutrient and bacteria monitoring recommendations
- Hear about initial work of the Roads and Highways Subgroup
- Direct subgroups to propose 2013-2014 work plan updates
- Hear status of implementing our work plan
- Hear from PSEMP Steering Committee and about other monitoring activities

Wednesday, November 14, 2012 from 9am to noon at the USGS Office in Tacoma:

- Discuss agricultural runoff effectiveness monitoring recommendations
- Begin discussion of data management recommendations: what are the data storage/sharing systems, SOPs, technical assistance needs for SWAMPPS
- Discuss work plan updates proposed by subgroups
- Nominate new chair and vice chair for the work group; two-year terms begin in February 2013
- Hear status of implementing our work plan
- Hear from PSEMP Steering Committee and about other monitoring activities

No further meetings are scheduled for 2012; dates for 2013 have not been set and we have discussed moving to a bimonthly or quarterly meeting schedule.

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Take express buses from Olympia or Seattle to the last stop at 10th and Commerce in downtown Tacoma. Walk up the ramp in the middle of the block on Commerce (to the left of the Pierce Transit bus shop and along the fountains) to Broadway Plaza at the top and across the street to the entrance to the USGS office.

Driving directions:

Northbound or Southbound on I-5, take exit 133 City Center to I-705 and exit A Street. Turn left on S 11th Street and go uphill to Market Street. Turn right on Market Street. The entrance to the Rhodes Center's parking garage is on your left under the skybridge. Park on the upper floors for \$1/hour; clearly marked State vehicles park for free. Cross the skybridge to the Market Building of the Rhodes Center. Walk through the Market Building and across another skybridge to the Broadway Building. There is a bank of elevators near the atrium. Take the elevator to the first floor, exit the building to Broadway, and walk a few doors to the left.